

DAILY NEWS.

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 1878.

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THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

[The Ticket presented below is the form decided on by the Democratic Central Committee for Supreme and Superior Court Judges. The name of the Solicitor may be added thereto, for the District to which he belongs.]

FOR JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT.

For Chief Justice:

WILLIAM N. H. SMITH,

For Associate Justices:

THOMAS S. ASHE,

JOHN H. DILLARD,

FOR JUDGES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

For Judge Seventh Judicial District:

JESSE F. GRAVES,

For Judge Eighth Judicial District:

ALPHONSO C. AVERY,

For Judge Ninth Judicial District:

JAMES C. L. GUDGER,

FOR SOLICITORS.

[The District Judicial nominations are given for the public information, but they do not constitute a part of the State ticket, as only one can be voted on the general ticket, and he only in the District to which he belongs.]

FOR SOLICITOR FIRST DISTRICT:

JAMES P. WHEBBER,

FOR SOLICITOR THIRD DISTRICT:

SWIFT GALLOWAY,

FOR SOLICITOR FOURTH DISTRICT:

JAMES D. McIVER,

FOR SOLICITOR FIFTH DISTRICT:

FRED. N. STRUDWICK,

FOR SOLICITOR SIXTH DISTRICT:

WM. J. MONTGOMERY,

FOR SOLICITOR SEVENTH DISTRICT:

JOSEPH DOBSON,

FOR SOLICITOR EIGHTH DISTRICT:

JOSEPH S. ADAMS,

FOR SOLICITOR NINTH DISTRICT:

GARLAND S. FERGUSON.

ELECTION, THURSDAY, AUGUST 1ST

Congressional Nominations.

FOR CONGRESS, THIRD DISTRICT:

ALFRED M. WADDELL,

of New H. over

FOR CONGRESS, SIXTH DISTRICT:

WALTER L. STEELE,

FOR CONGRESS, SEVENTH DISTRICT:

ROBERT F. ARMFIELD,

of Locust.

ELECTION, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

A Convention of the Democrats and Conservatives of the Fourth District, will be held in the city of Raleigh, on Thursday the 2nd day of August next for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress. Each county will be entitled to one vote for every five hundred votes and fractional part over five hundred votes. Value in 1876.

By order of District E. Committee,

July 2, 1878. Chairman,

The Democratic papers in the District will please copy.

The material for the line of telegraph from Asheville to Hendersonville has been received, and will be up and in operation in two weeks time.

Letters from Haywood, Henderson and Transylvania report that the Democracy of the French Broad Valley is so divided, no danger whatever to be apprehended from Independents and Radicals.

The best information from all sources is that the regular Democratic nominees will triumph over the Independents in all the Democratic counties, and some counties hitherto to Radical, the Democracy will carry.

Col. D. K. McKee, in Wilmington, the use of his brother-in-law, Captain I. B. Granger, on Tuesday evening next he will deliver a lecture in the Opera House for the benefit of the White House.

The trains of the Spartanburg line are now running into the State across the Henderson border, and the work of track-laying is daily progressing in the direction of Hendersonville, which point will be reached by the middle of August.

The Asheville Citizen wants to know what means it that Gen. Clingman's letters assailing Governor Vance, are printed in campaign document form and circulated over the State by Independents and Radicals. Some attention might be profitably given to the subject, and the fact elicited as to who does this thing? Where are they printed, by whose order, and where?

The Virginia papers are complimentary to Judge Cox as a gentleman "so conscientious that having concluded to stand for Congress, the first thing he did was to resign his judgeship." The Richmond Star says: "How rare a man is this judge, in an age so grasping that few let go one round of the ladder until safely seated upon a higher one." Upon which the Wilmington Star remarks: "Judge Cox's time had nearly expired, and he had held his last Court. As he intended to enter the political arena and endeavor to secure the nomination to Congress in the Metropolitan district, he very properly resigned his office. It was not a great sacrifice, but a becoming action none the less."

In Nash and Wilson, the County candidates are confronted with Independents, but the old Democracy of that section of the State is so solid for the independent device of the Radicals to accomplish anything. The people will sustain their nominees, and Independents will this year learn the lesson so often taught their Radical allies, for whether gentlemen know it or not, the

Radicals are but making simple tools of the Independents, a fact they will find out to their everlasting shame one of these days.

The Democratic campaign in Franklin is a live one. Every candidate is doing his duty, and the Democratic ranks are solid, without a division or dissatisfaction. Captain W. S. Harris, for Senator, is pronounced by the Times a Jupiter in the field, and C. M. Cooke, Esq., for the House, a Titan, piling mountains of accusation on the heads of the enemy, to their utter confusion and dismay.

The County Campaign.

The Democrats of Wake have every reason to be satisfied with the campaign of their county and Legislative candidates. It has been able, diligent, industrious, aggressive and well conducted, and the enemy has suffered. Overwhelming and utter defeat of the Radical party is registered a week before the election.

The list of candidates is so large that the speaking time had to be consumed principally by the legislative candidates, thus compelling those for county officers to do their work in a quiet way among the people, without making due reputation on the stump and in the papers, but they have done their work well, and the result of their efforts will be seen on the day of election.

The gentlemen of the Democratic legislative ticket have done nobly. But two, Messrs. Snow and Stamps, are professional speakers, but Messrs. Oliver, Richardson and Stephenson have more than filled the measure of public expectation. Where all have done so well and performed their part so satisfactorily, it would be out of place to discriminate here. It is sufficient to say that Wake county never had five better young men in the field, or men of whom the Democracy was more justly proud. They will be the peers of any in the Legislature.

Whipped into Good Behavior.

Like a mean cur whipped into good behavior, the North State comes whining this week: "No man, anywhere, 'that we ever heard of, questions Tom 'Holt's integrity and honesty.'"

Yet, in this same paper, a week ago, the boldest insinuation was made against the "integrity and honesty" of Colonel Holt. The matter of the medal awarded to Mr. George Cooper, of Guilford, by the North Carolina Agricultural Society, was referred to for no other purpose than to prejudice the character of the Alliance Democratic candidate for Senator, as a man unworthy of the suffrages of the people of Guilford. The circumstantial statement could have been made with no other object than a reflection on the honesty of Colonel Holt, and the language of the North State article admitted of but one construction.

By the same mail which brings the last issue of the Greensboro State, comes a printed circular from the offices of that paper, entitled: "That medal; Mr. Cooper's statement," in which the effort is still further made to convict Colonel Holt of falsehood and duplicity in regard to the matter. This paper is issued for distribution throughout the counties of Alamance and Guilford, in the hope of injuring and defeating Colonel Holt. What does this mean but an assault upon his honor and integrity? If he has been guilty of no wrong, why circulate documents having no other object than his personal as well as his political injury? Why should this sheet have printed and at pains to circulate a paper from one gentleman reflecting on another, whose "integrity and honesty" it declares that: "No man, anywhere, that we ever heard of, questions?"

The purpose was plain and undisguised to assail C. A. Holt, for words were never more openly employed in any county than in the article which took up the discussion of Holt's honesty as public property, and with such view it calls into question. It was one of those assaults characteristic of the source from which this one emanated; and conceived in a mean, cowardly spirit, its authors lack the manhood to stand up to it. Being refused and appropriately denounced by the News, they would disclaim it, and after the fashion of such cattle, seek to dignify their cowardice by such hints at law-suits as this: "We will converse at 'the proper time, in the proper place' and in the proper manner with the 'responsible proprietors of the News' about the libelous matter contained in 'the article referred to.'"

This resorting to courts, under circumstances like these, for damage to character, has become a convenient refuge for cowards, and nothing would be more natural or expected, or welcome as to that matter, than a suit by the conductors of the Greensboro State against the Raleigh News. There can be no question about responsibility in this quarter, ample, accessible and accommodating; nor is it likely that the parties involved are wanting in the disposition to, in some way, vent the important range of their detected and exposed villany.

Grisson on Hammond.

The able and accomplished Superintendent of the North Carolina Asylum for the Insane, in May last read a paper before the Association of Superintendents of Insane Asylums for the United States and Canada, and had for his subject "True and False Experts."

It had come to public notice frequently and in many ways that there were in this country so-called medical experts who are in the habit of selling their services in important cases of trials for murder, contesting wills, and in other matters involving life, liberty and property, and that the opinions of these experts are at the service of the

side that can tender the largest fee. Insanity being the specialty of the Medical Superintendents of Asylums, this scandalous practice seemed to them a reflection on the whole medical fraternity, and that it was peculiarly within the province of this body to discuss and denounce the practice, and put upon such charlatans, mountebanks and professional murderers the seal of its condemnation that should consign them to merited infamy.

To Dr. Grisson was appropriately assigned the task of unmasking these base wretches, and revealing in all their hideous deformity "these traffickers in human misery, who sell their opinions for gold; * * * whose bowels are but bags of gold, to feed which, spider-like, they cast their loathsome arms about a helpless prey." How well and ably he discharged that duty may be inferred from this paragraph: "It is not as we remember the 'victims already buried, that we see 'Draco reappear, with swift condemnation upon his lips, it is not that the 'scales of justice drip with blood from 'hands already dyed in gore, but that 'behind the black robe of the semi-judicial expert, may be heard a sound, 'more fearful than the groans of suffering humanity, more ominous than 'the click of loaded arms, a sound that 'chills the marrow with the breath 'ing of a fabled vampire—it is THE 'CLINK OF MONEY UNDER THE GIRDLE.'"

The celebrated Dr. Hammond, of New York, fancied himself a party aimed at, and long before the association address was in type, he came out with a low and vulgarly abusive "open letter" to Dr. Grisson. This has provoked a rejoinder, as courteous of speech as it is elegant in phrase, but as biting in sarcasm, fatal in facts, and as withering words as English composition is capable of producing. Dr. Hammond stands convicted as the false expert of the century, "the chief offender whose ill-gotten gains and strong personal influence enable him to debauch the public press, and gild his wickedness before the world."

A number of cases are cited from the New York Law Reports in which Dr. Hammond figured as a medical expert to assist in determining the weight to be allowed the plea of insanity in capital cases. Sometimes he is found on the side of the defence, and at others aiding the prosecution. "Medical Corruption" is what he is sometimes termed himself, and like legal counsel he is found taking contingent fees. Examination of his testimony shows that, to suit the case, and accommodate himself to the side he might happen to be employed on, he has frequently fully contradicted in the one case, his expert testimony given in the other. It is conclusively shown that he has cleared guilty men, perfectly sane, pleading insanity, and assisted to consign to the scaffold raving maniacs, being paid for his testimony by the State the defence not being able to offer a bigger fee. It is said that in one case, where the court adjourned in the midst of his testimony against a defendant, he received a check from the said defendant during the recess, and going upon the stand again, he reversed his theories and cleared the accused, and pocketed snug fees from both the prosecution and the defence. A very amusing incident is related by Dr. Grisson, of Dr. Hammond testing the brain of a distinguished ex-Senator of the United States, now living in North Carolina, for congestion, by having him gaze on a needle. If it pointed in one direction then the state of disease was in the back of the head, if in another in the front.

In 1866 he figured in this State, in the trial of the Johnson will case at Edenton, Judge Merrimon on the bench, and such eminent counsel as Governors Graham, Bragg and Vance, Hon. B. F. Moore, John Pool, Wm. N. H. Smith, Maj. H. A. Gilliam and others appearing on the respective sides of the case. Dr. Hammond appeared as an expert. He declared the testator insane. In the course of his examination he fared but indifferently at the hands of Mr. Moore. It was developed that he had received a fee of five hundred dollars in hand, and was to have two thousand more if he made his evidence sufficiently strong to break the will. He left before the conclusion of the trial. His testimony did not weigh a feather with the Supreme Court when that tribunal came to review the decision of the court below, but the high court was eloquent in its language of contempt for the expert whose object and interest it apparently was to "mislead rather than to instruct."

In his last production Dr. Grisson presents the record of the court martial which cashiered Dr. Hammond as Surgeon-General of the United States, in 1864, for speculative practices in the Chief Medical department of the army, which record is as damning as anything could be.

Both these productions are highly creditable to Dr. Grisson, and alike creditable to the State, whose son and servant he is, and it was a mark of distinguished honor conferred upon North Carolina, that the Superintendent of her Asylum should have been selected by the Association of American Superintendents, to expose the "false expert." Both these papers should be in the hands of every professional and literary man of the State. Two large editions are already exhausted.

Independents.

Independent candidates are an invention of the enemy. Their first act is to turn against their own political household. They profess allegiance to the principles of the Democratic party and rely upon Radicals for support. They are for self. Like the Ishmaelites, their hands are raised against other men. They have no right to expect the support of either party. They cannot be friends to the Democratic party, because they are trying to break down organization, one of its main pillars of support. They cannot be friends to the Radical party because they denounce the principles of that party.

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